DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS DIVISION OF LABOR STANDARDS ENFORCEMENT



ACCESS TO PERSONNEL RECORDS

All employees have the right to inspect, at a reasonable time, their personnel files that are used or have been used to determine the employee's qualifications for employment, promotion, additional compensation, termination or other disciplinary action. (Labor Code § 1198.5) Employers are required to permit current or former employees to inspect or copy records maintained which provide payroll information.

An employer must provide an employee or applicant a copy of any document signed by the employee or applicant relating to obtaining or holding employment, if requested. (Labor Code § 432)

All employers must provide employees or the employee's representative(s) access to accurate records of employee exposure to potentially toxic materials or harmful physical agents. (Labor Code § 6408(d))

Employment records may be subpoensed from a current or former employer by a third party. If employment records are subpoensed, the employee must be notified and has the right to object to production of the records. (Code of Civil Procedure § 1985.6)

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